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TAGS: ICRC, PARM, PFOR  
SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW - RED SHIELD  
OF DAVID

1. ISRAELI REP., MEIR ROSENNE, WITHDREW ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR RECOGNITION OF RED SHIELD OF DAVID IN FACE OF CERTAIN AND OVERWHELMING DEFEAT. WHEN SUBJECT WAS REACHED ON AGENDA OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONCERNED, ROSENNE MADE HISTORICAL AND NONPOLEMICAL STATEMENT WITHDRAWING THE PROPOSAL BUT RESERVING HIS RIGHT TO RAISE IT AGAIN IN CLOSING PLENARY SESSIONS (WHICH WILL RUN FROM MAY 23 TO JUNE 10).

2. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ARAB DELS (SYRIA, IRAQ, AND SAUDI ARABIA) TOOK THE FLOOR TO PROTEST THE POSSIBILITY THAT  
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THE ISSUE MIGHT ARISE AGAIN IN PLENARY, THE GENERAL REACTION WAS ONE OF RELIEF. EGYPTIAN REP. WAS PARTICULARLY WARM IN HIS APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS WITH ISRAELIS.

3. ISRAELIS INFORMED US OF THEIR DECISION A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE MEETING AND, AT THEIR REQUEST, WE

INFORMED EGYPTIANS IN EFFORT TO PRODUCE NO RESPONSE  
BY ARABS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PROMPTED ISRAELI DECISION,  
BUT OVERWHELMINGLY ADVERSE VOTE COUNT WAS DOUBTLESS  
CENTRAL. WE WOULD NOT, IN FACT, EXPECT ISRAELIS  
TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN PLENARIES, AND, IF THEY  
TRIED, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE REJECTED ON PROCEDURAL  
GROUNDS.SORENSEN

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